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the strong and weak features of the Soviet system, the author
discusses the chances of the evolutionary and revolutionary processes
in the Soviet Union with specific reference to Ukraine. He also
deals with the interaction of the evolutionary and revolutionary
processes, as well as with the revolutionary experiences of
Ukrainians in the recent past. This publication is meant for
distribution in Ukraine and to Ukrainians living in the
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In Oct 1969 Suchasnist published in Ukrainian "Russian Social-Democrats and the Nationalities Question" by L. Rybalka whose true name was L.YURKEVYCH. Enclosed is the description of the pamphlet .

Literaturna Ukraina of 17 Apr 1970 attacked L.Yurkevych in an article by Ivan BOYKO, Doctor of Historical Sciences , entitled "At the Turning Point of Centuries", in which without naming Yurkevych's pamphlet published by Suchasnist he quotes from it.

Enclosed are the excerpts from Boyko's article.

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~~pamphlet which criticizes Russian Social-Democrats, and in particular Lenin's program on the nationalities question. In addition to its historical documentary value, the pamphlet is pertinent when juxtaposed with the current Soviet nationality policy in the Ukraine. It contains many arguments which could be used against the Soviet regime at this time. It is also suitable for the 1970 anniversary of Lenin's birth. The pamphlet will be used chiefly for distribution in the Soviet Union.~~

Ivan Boyko, Doctor of Historical Sciences, "At the Turning Point of Centuries",
LITERATURNA UKRAINA, April 17, 1970, p. 2. Excerpts.

...Ukrainian bourgeois nationalism grew significantly in the post
revolutionary years. Such national-socialists as M. Porsh, L. Yurkevych,
D. Dontsov, and others leagued together on the basis of ideo-theoretical
depravity and political unity...

L. Yurkevych, who called himself a Marxist, claimed that only a
minority of Ukrainian workers ~~XXXX~~ possessed "national consciousness",
while the majority "still lives under the influence of Russian culture",
Therefore, social-democracy "should not follow the masses, but lead them
and teach them their national tasks."

V.I.Lenin showed that such an understanding of the nationalities
question was profoundly erroneous and reactionary. He wrote, "The process
of a more rapid economic development of the south, that is Ukraine, which draws
tens and hundreds of thousands of peasants and workers from Great Russia into
capitalist enterprises, into mines, into cities, has been completely defined
over the past several decades. The fact of "assimilation" ~~is~~ - in these boundaries
of the Great Russian and Ukrainian proletariat is inevitable. And this fact is
undoubtedly progressive. Capitalism replaces the obtuse, rough, complacent,

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and ferocious Great Russian or Ukrainian peasant /muzhik/ with an active proletarian, whose conditions of life break down both Great Russian and Ukrainian specifically national narrowness." "Mr. Lev Yurkevych acts like a true bourgeois, moreover a short-sighted, narrow, obtuse bourgeois, ~~when~~ that is a Philistine, when he rejects the interests of union, merging, and assimilation of the proletariat of two nations for the sake of an immediate success of the Ukrainian national cause." "Attempting to disrupt and thus weaken a truly democratic force, the victory of which would make national oppression impossible, Mr. Yurkevych betrays not only the interests of democracy as a whole, but of his homeland Ukraine. A free Ukraine is possible the if Great Russian and Ukrainian proletariats act as one; without this unity, there can be no talk of it."